Statement

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(i) They should be treated at par with SC/ST candidates and absorbed as Engineer Trainees unuer SAIL's Pre-employment Training Scheme.	To ensure proper representation of SC/ST candidates in line with the Presidential Directives on reservation of posts for SC/ST, a pre-employment Training Scheme was introduced by SAIL Unuer this Pcheme, pre-employment training is given tc those SC/ST candidates who do not qualify for appointment as Management Trainees (Technical). SC/ST departmental candidates are also covered under this Scheme. SAIL does not feel that there is justification of extending this Scheme to cover departmental candidates who do not belong to the SC/ST category.
(ii) SAIL should follow a standard policy for recruitment of Management Trainees (Technical) both for candidates from IITs and other Engineering Graduates.	SAIL selects final year Engineering students from the campuses of selected premier Institutes Justifications for campus recruitment have been indicated in the main body of the reply.

Government Officers in Rented Buildings

1120. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of various offices under his ministry which have been housed in rented buildings in Delhi;

(b) the total amount of monthly rent which is being paid by government as a result thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to construct buildings for housing such offices; and

(d) if so, by when those buildings are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Research Institutes/Centres in the Country

1121. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of agricultural research institutes or centres in the country as on 30th June, 1986;

(b) the number of scientists posted at these centres or institutes as on 30th June, 1986; and

(c) the number of sanctioned posts of scientists at these institutes or centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Pak Objections to the Construction of Tulbul Navigation Project

1122. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objections raised some time back by Pakistan to the construction of Tulbul Navigation Project which had been taken up to improve the navigation of the Jhelum River; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government of Pakistan have alleged that the Tulbal Navigation Project, reportedly under construction, is in violation of the Indus Water Treaty, 1968 and have urged immediate cessation of all construction work on the project. India has informed Pakistan that the Project is purely a control structure meant for improving the navigability of the Jhelum River merely by the regulation of the depletion of the natural storage already available in the Wular Lake. This structure will neither contribute to raising the water level in the Wular Lake nor involve any consumptive use of the waters. No provisions of the Treaty are, therefore, violated. The matter has been taken up by the two Commissioners under the relevant provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.

Central Grant for Slum Clearance in Uttar Pradesh Cities

1123. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of central grants sanctioned for slum clearance and rehabilitation of Slum dwellers in cities of Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the amount of these grants; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on environmental improvement of urban slums in situ rather than their massive clearance and rehabilitation. The Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums is in the State sector and appropriate projects under the Scheme are formulated and implemented by the State Governments out of their Annual Plan allocations. No Central grants are envisaged for this purpose in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Vacancies in the Northern zone of the F.C.I.

1124. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in the categories of Junior Engineers are lying vacant in the Northern zone of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action the F.C.I. is taking to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Junior Engineer (Civil Engineering) . . .	19
Junior Engineer (Electrical Engineering) . .	5
Junior Engineer (Mechanical Engineering) .	10
TOTAL	34

(c) As a measure of economy, the work is being managed by better planning and by utilising the existing manpower. A few posts may be filled, as and when necessary.

New Technology for Steel Production

1125. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has